

Planning Department

Moving Downtown Forward continues to be focal point for the Planning Department. Several projects are ongoing in downtown related to the initiative. Main Street Program chairperson Sylvia Poulin has kept projects moving and works with most City departments to create space downtown that has curb appeal – something we were told was necessary to attract businesses to downtown. The Main Street Program held its second annual Day of Caring which was another huge success with dozens of volunteers coming to spruce downtown up for summer. The Moving Downtown Forward Committee continues to focus on the gateway to downtown and hopes to wrap up those improvements by next summer.



The Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority sold the former Rite Aid building downtown to a developer that works with Family Dollar, which moved from its former location next door into the new building this spring. The park adjacent to the building remains in the ownership of the City.

The Route 110 Phase II Realignment Project continues with all of the demolitions complete. The project will be advertised over the summer and a contractor will be chosen by fall. This project is four decades in the making and it is great to see things finally coming to fruition. Many individuals have played a role in making this happen along the way. This roadway will provide a more direct route to the Notre Dame Arena,

a nice gateway to Jericho Mountain State Park, and move the traffic out of the neighborhood it currently cuts through. This is a great project for our community.

Any citizen wishing to participate can come forward to volunteer for one of the many boards in the community. The Planning Department is home to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority. All three boards encourage citizen involvement and welcome the community to participate or observe during their meetings. Visit the City's website and Facebook page regularly for information about our meetings; view the Moving Downtown Forward Strategy for Design and Economic Development, the City's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance or other Planning & Zoning documents.

Respectfully submitted,
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